



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Katsuji Maehara et al

Serial No.: 09/869,297

Filed: November 2, 2001

For: A METHOD FOR PURIFYING AND ISOLATING (2S,3S)-OR (2R, 3S)-HALOHYDRIN DERIVATIVES

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Irene Marx

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

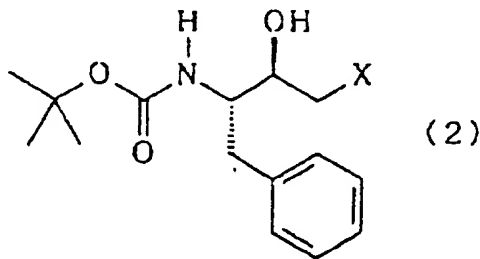
Amend the claims as follows:

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/ 25. (Amended) A purification/isolation method of a (2R,3S)-1-halo-2-hydroxy-3-N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl) amino-4-phenylbutane of the following formula (2):



wherein X represents a halogen atom